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## Hon. Gary D. Stott Completes Fourth Amendment Course at The National Judicial College

RENO, NV – The National Judicial College (NJC) is pleased to announce that the Honorable Gary D. Stott, Fourth District Court, Provo, Utah, recently completed *The Fourth Amendment: Comprehensive Search and Seizure Training for Trial Judges* at The National Judicial College.

This course provides comprehensive search and seizure training, focusing on the nuts and bolts principles that trial judges must apply. Advancing technology and the nuances of the application of the Fourth Amendment have created an overwhelming amount of new Fourth Amendment issues that need to be addressed daily in courtrooms across the nation. After attending this course, participants are able to identify what constitutes a search and what constitutes a seizure; determine what constitutes a “reasonable” search, including when a warrant is not required; outline the concepts of standing, probable cause, plain view, and consent; identify warrant execution issues; and apply the exclusionary rule in appropriate situations.

The National Judicial College collaborated with the National Center for Justice and the Rule of Law to present this course. This course was funded through the National Center for Justice and the Rule of Law by a grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

The National Judicial College is entering its 42<sup>nd</sup> year of providing judicial education and professional development for our nation's judiciary as well as for judges from other countries. The NJC offers the ideal forum for opening new doors and gaining fresh ideas. With its state-of-the-art building at a central location on the historic 255-acre University of Nevada, Reno, campus, NJC is the nation's top judicial training institution – a place where insight and discovery occur each and every day.

Since 1963, The National Judicial College has awarded more than 70,000 professional judicial education certificates. With courses held onsite, across the nation and around the world, the College offers an average of 90 courses annually with more than 2,700 judges enrolling from all 50 states, U.S. territories and more than 150 countries.

Programs offered at The National Judicial College have been shaped by more than four decades of innovation in judicial education and are designed to give participants the practical tools needed to effectively serve on the bench. The emphasis is on quality and relevance, while the focus is on the individual needs of each participant. The College's curricula include a Seminar Series, made up of courses that provide judges the opportunity to study diverse and interesting topics at historically and culturally rich locations across the United States. There is also a wide selection of Web-based courses to choose from, enabling participants to learn a variety of topics online. The National Judicial College has successfully created a dedicated judicial education endowment fund program to enable individual states and courts to utilize NJC's services without straining their budgets.

In 1986, the College and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges assisted the University of Nevada, Reno, in developing one of the nation's first advanced degree programs for trial judges - the Master of Judicial Studies program. In 2001, the UNR Board of Regents approved a Ph.D. program. Both programs provide a formal academic setting in which trial judges can integrate technical and academic studies to attain an intellectual understanding of the American judiciary.

In addition to the National Tribal Judicial Center, the Donald W. Reynolds Courts and Media Center and the International Center, NJC houses technology-enhanced classrooms, a legal resource center, a state-of-the-art model courtroom, modern seminar rooms, distance education facilities and a computer lab. The College has an appointed 18-member Board of Trustees. It became a Nevada not-for-profit (501)(c)(3) educational corporation on January 1, 1978. Please visit the NJC website at [www.judges.org](http://www.judges.org) for NJC news, ways to donate, course information and more.